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REMARKS

This is in reply to the Office Action mailed on October 10, 2004.

Claims 1, 3-8 and 10 are currently pending.

Claims 1, 3-8 and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over FR2683544.

Claims 6-8 are objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim.

Claims 1 and 3-6 are cancelled without prejudice to reduce the matters at issue.

New claims 11-13 are added to particularly point out and distinctly claim subject matter which Applicant regard as his invention. Support for new claims 11-13 is found in original claims 1, 2 and 6.

Claims 7, 8 and 10 are amended to maintain proper claim dependency.

No new matter is added by this amendment.

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DISCUSSION

The Rejection of Claims 1, 3-5 and 10 under under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over FR2683544 Claims 1, 3-5 and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over FR2683544.

By this amendment, Applicant has cancelled claims 1 and 3-6 and amended claim 10 to depend from new claim 11, thereby rendering this rejection moot.

The Objection to Claims 6-8

The Examiner states that claims 6-8 are objected to as being based on a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The Examiner further states that the prior art fails to teach or suggest the use of alcoholic diluents.

Applicant has added new independent claim 11 which is claim 1 redrafted to recite alcoholic diluents. Claims 7 and 8 are amended to properly depend from new claim 11. New claims 12 and 13 correspond to original claims 2 and 9, respectively.

Accordingly, as new claims 11-13 and amended claims 7, 8 and 10 all recite the use of an alcoholic diluent as suggested by the Examiner, Applicant respectfully requests entry of new claims 11-17 and entry of the amendment of claims 7, 8 and 10 and respectfully asserts that claims 7, 8, 10 and 11-13 are condition for allowance.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests entry of this amendment and withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) and respectfully asserts that this application is in condition for allowance. Early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

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